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Since my last letter to you on 26 July 2006, Israeli occupying forces have killed at least 32 Palestinians, including seven children, and over 40 have been injured, many seriously. During the same period, 1,050 shells have been fired by the Israeli occupying forces into Gaza, which, according to United Nations reports, has posed a great threat to Palestinian civilians and civilian infrastructure. The most recent Israeli aggression against the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, took place in the morning hours of today (Palestine time), when about 50 tanks, backed by bulldozers, helicopters and unmanned drones, moved nearly 3 kilometres into the Al-Shawka zone, east of Rafah in southern Gaza. Israeli occupying forces fired tank rounds and fired rockets from an unmanned drone patrolling overhead, killing eight Palestinians, including a 12-year-old boy. During the same attack on Rafah, more than 20 Palestinians were injured, including a 5-year-old girl who was sleeping in her home.

This is the fifth consecutive week in which the Israeli occupying forces have continued with their aggression in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, especially in the Gaza Strip. Since then, Israeli occupying forces have been perpetuating war crimes and serious violations of international law. These crimes have included wilful killing, disproportionate use of lethal force; detention and imprisonment of hundreds of civilians, including minors; destruction of civilian infrastructure, including electricity and water networks, resulting in the displacement of thousands of civilians; large-scale destruction of public and private property; air strikes and mock air raids on civilian targets, including health and educational institutions and ministries and offices of the Palestinian National Authority, as well as the collective punishment of the entire civilian population. The Palestinian civilian population in the devastated and impoverished Gaza Strip remains under complete siege as Israel has also sealed all border crossings and, with the deprivation of electricity and clean water, including for hospitals, and intensifying shortages in food and medical

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supplies, the dire humanitarian crisis in the Gaza Strip is being severely exacerbated.

This letter is in follow-up to our previous 258 letters to you regarding the ongoing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, since 28 September 2000. These letters, dated from 29 September 2000 (A/55/432-S/2000/921) to 26 July 2006 (A/ES-10/351-S/2006/579), constitute a basic record of the crimes being committed by Israel, the occupying Power, against the Palestinian people since September 2000. Moreover, we reiterate once again that for all of these war crimes, State terrorism and systematic human rights violations committed against the Palestinian people, Israel, the occupying Power, must be held accountable and the perpetrators must be brought to justice.

In follow-up to the above-mentioned letters, it is my profound regret that the 32 Palestinians killed today raise the total number of martyrs killed since September 2000 to 4,136. (The names of the martyrs that have been identified are listed in the annex to the present letter.)

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Riyad **Mansour**
Ambassador
Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations

Annex to the identical letters dated 3 August 2006 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Names of martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem*

(Wednesday, 26 July, to Thursday, 3 August 2006)

Wednesday, 26 July 2006

1. Mahmoud Ahmad Samha (60)
2. Ziyad Mohammad Salem
3. Adnan Waleed Al-Sa'oudi
4. Asma' Oakal
5. Malek Al-Mash'harawi
6. Na'el Abu-Assi
7. Mazen Al-Batsh
8. Bassem Habash
9. Mohammad Si'da (19)

Thursday, 27 July 2006

1. Hamada Shakir Da'aas (18)
2. Kamela Al-Najjar (75)
3. Youssef Sho'aib
4. Mohammad Kullab (19)

Friday, 28 July 2006

1. Anas Zamlat (13)
2. Mohammad Abu Sakran
3. Ahmad Abu Gharara h

Saturday, 29 July 2006

1. Mohammad Sabhi Abu Odeh
2. Rami Al-Mubayyid
3. Ameed Al-Masri

Monday, 31 July 2006

1. Youssef Al-Moghazi
2. Nahedd Al-Shinbari

Tuesday, 1 August 2006

1. Mervat Abu Sharkh
2. Aref Abu fa'yda (15)
3. Somia Abu Oakal

* The total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 is 4,136.

Thursday, 3 August 2006

1. Anees Salem Abu Awwad (12)
2. Adnan Ghassan Abu Libda (19)
3. Youssef Abu Mor
4. Abdul Rahman Abu Sneinah
5. Ziad Al-Eid
6. Wa'el Mohammad Younis
7. Suleiman Armeilat
8. Mahmoud Anwar Kullab

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Since our last letter to you, dated Thursday, 3 August 2006, the following tragic events have occurred in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem. Israeli occupying forces continued their indiscriminate and disproportionate shelling towards civilian areas and agricultural land throughout the Gaza Strip. On Friday, 4 August 2006, Israeli occupying forces widened their scope of aggression on the Al-Shawka neighbourhood, east of Rafah in southern Gaza. Israeli warplanes fired missiles onto the homes of Palestinian civilians, causing more death and injury among the civilian population and vast destruction to civilian property and infrastructure.

Moreover, the new tactic by the occupying forces of telephoning Palestinians before dropping bombs on their homes is sowing panic and fear in the Gaza Strip. As a result, hundreds of Palestinian civilians have fled their homes in terror. In one tragic incident, a 3-day-old infant girl, Shahd Al-Eid, fell from her mother's arms as she was fleeing to seek refuge from an Israeli missile attack. The infant was later pronounced dead as a result of internal bleeding and bruises. On Saturday, 5 August 2006, Israeli warplanes fired missiles at a group of civilians also trying to flee their homes in the Tannour Quarter in the Al-Shawka neighbourhood. The missile fell into a crowded street in the midst of a fleeing family, resulting in the deaths of two children and the injury of scores more.

The United Nations humanitarian agencies working in the Occupied Palestinian Territory have continued to express their deep concern about the impact of the ongoing Israeli aggression on Palestinian civilians and civilian infrastructure in Gaza, which has resulted in a sharp decline in the humanitarian situation facing 1.4 million people, more than half of them children. The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) has reported an increasing number of displaced Palestinians as a result of Israeli aggression in the Gaza Strip. As a result, UNRWA is currently sheltering 1,345 people from 289

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families, nearly all of them refugees, in four schools in the Gaza Strip. The World Food Programme has reported that more Palestinians are now dependent on food aid, increasing the number of Palestinians it feeds monthly from 160,000 people to 220,000 people. The United Nations Children's Fund has also reported that Palestinian children living in Gaza are indeed bearing the brunt of Israel's onslaught and that of the approximately 40 Palestinian children killed since 28 June 2006, almost a quarter were less than 10 years old.

Israel, the occupying Power, has also continued with its illegal policies and practices in the West Bank. Yesterday, Israeli occupying forces abducted the Speaker of the Palestinian Legislative Council, Aziz Al-Dwaik. Israeli occupying forces besieged Al-Dwaik's home, abducting and leading him into an undisclosed area. Israeli occupying forces also abducted another elected member of the Palestinian Legislative Council, Fadl Hamdan. Eight other Palestinian civilians were also arrested by Israeli occupying forces throughout the West Bank, including an 18-month-old baby, whom the occupying forces abducted from his mother and left in the street for an hour.

The present letter is in follow-up to our previous 259 letters to you regarding the ongoing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, since 28 September 2000. These letters, dated from 29 September 2000 (A/55/432-S/2000/921) to 3 August 2006 (A/ES-10/352-S/2006/613), constitute a basic record of the crimes being committed by Israel, the occupying Power, against the Palestinian people since September 2000. Moreover, we reiterate that for all of these war crimes, State terrorism and systematic human rights violations committed against the Palestinian people, Israel, the occupying Power, must be held accountable and the perpetrators must be brought to justice.

In follow-up to the above-mentioned letters, it is my profound regret that the 13 Palestinians killed today raises the total number of martyrs killed since September 2000 to 4,149. (The names of the martyrs that have been identified are listed in the annex to the present letter.)

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as an official document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Riyad **Mansour**
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Names of martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem* (Friday, 4 August, to Monday, 7 August 2006)

Friday, 4 August 2006

1. Ezz-Eldeen Abu-Jazar
2. Mohammad Ahmad Shaheen
3. Essam Al-Basheeti
4. Shahd Saleh Al-Eid (3 days old)

Saturday, 5 August 2006

1. Mohammad Ahmad Abu Amra (65 years old)
2. Emmad Raja' Al-Natour (17 years old)
3. Kefah Raja' Al-Natour (15 years old)
4. Mohammad Salah Al-Khawajeh
5. Shareef Saber Ayyash

Sunday, 6 August 2006

1. Rashed Al-Omary
2. Ibrahim Armeilat (13 years old)

Monday, 7 August 2006

1. Mohammad Al-Moussa
2. Hussain Fahmi Al-Jada'

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* The total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 is 4,149.

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Israel, the occupying Power, continues to commit grave breaches of international humanitarian law, including acts constituting war crimes and State terrorism, against the Palestinian civilian population under its belligerent occupation. Throughout the Occupied Palestinian Territory, in particular the Gaza Strip, the disproportionate and indiscriminate use of force by the occupying forces continues to tragically claim the lives of more innocent Palestinian civilians.

On Wednesday, 9 August 2006, Israeli warplanes fired at least two missiles onto the civilian population residing in the Al-Nafaq neighbourhood in Gaza City. The indiscriminate missile attack killed three Palestinians, including a 3-year-old child and a 17-year-old boy. Many other innocent bystanders were injured. Also on Wednesday, Israeli occupying forces committed an extrajudicial execution in the Jenin refugee camp in the West Bank, killing two more Palestinians. In that attack, Israeli warplanes fired at least three missiles onto the camp causing a huge explosion that caused damage to several neighbouring houses. Several Palestinians living in the refugee camp were injured by flying shards of glass and debris.

In addition to death and destruction, the Palestinian population continues to be terrorized by the constant barrage of artillery shelling and the excruciating sound of Israeli warplanes hovering over their cities, towns and villages. Israel, the occupying Power, has also continued with its campaign of psychological warfare against the Palestinian population, especially in the Gaza Strip, which includes dropping leaflets in streets and on the roofs of houses, phoning civilians and threatening to destroy their houses and ordering a number of Palestinians through calls to their mobile phones to evacuate their houses, which would be destroyed. Such practices continue to spread fear and panic among a population already suffering from severe psychological trauma under Israel's brutal occupation.

The barbaric attacks committed by Israel against Lebanon continue to inflict immense human suffering among the civilian Lebanese population, including the

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refugee Palestinian population. On Wednesday, 9 August 2006, Israeli gunboats shelled Ain Al-Hilweh camp, which is home to Lebanon's largest Palestinian refugee population and is located on the outskirts of the port city of Sidon. As a result of Israel's military aggression, two Palestinian refugees were killed and at least eight others were injured, including five children. The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East voiced its concern about the situation and its affect on the already dire humanitarian situation in the camp. Moreover, Israel has also unleashed its aggression on other Palestinian refugee camps throughout Lebanon, including Al-Rashideyeh camp located on the outskirts of the southern Lebanese city of Tyre, causing many injuries to the refugee population and exacerbating their already difficult living conditions.

The present letter is in follow-up to our previous 260 letters to you regarding the ongoing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, since 28 September 2000. These letters, dated from 29 September 2000 (A/55/432-S/2000/921) to 7 August 2006 (A/ES-10/353-S/2006/623), constitute a basic record of the crimes being committed by Israel, the occupying Power, against the Palestinian people since September 2000. Moreover, we reiterate that for all of these war crimes, State terrorism and systematic human rights violations committed against the Palestinian people, Israel, the occupying Power, must be held accountable and the perpetrators must be brought to justice.

In follow-up to the above-mentioned letters, it is my profound regret that the five Palestinians killed on Wednesday, 9 August 2006 raises the total number of martyrs killed since September 2000 to 4,154. (The names of the martyrs that have been identified are listed in the annex to the present letter.)

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Wednesday, 9 August 2006

1. Rajaa' Abu Sha'ban (3 years old)
2. Mohammad Ateeq
3. Ahmad Al-Ajami
4. Ramadan Al-Majdalawi
5. Ahmad Al-Mis'hal (17 years old)

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* The total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 is 4,154.